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Subject: San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan - Consultant Services Agreement
for Biological and Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting

At the Board's July 1, 2008 meeting, we will be requesting the Board to authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to enter into a consultant services agreement with Chambers Group, Inc., to perform biological and water quality monitoring and prepare monitoring reports to comply with the conditions of the regulatory permits obtained to implement the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan for removing sediment from the District's three reservoirs in San Gabriel Canyon. The agreement also includes an optional task for fish relocation, if needed. The agreement will be for a two-year period for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,050,000 and an option to extend it for an additional year for a not-to-exceed fee of \$500,000 for a maximum aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$1,550,000. Funding for this agreement is available in the Flood Control District Budget.

We will request that the Board find the agreement exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The tasks under this agreement are for the purpose of complying with permits issued for an emergency project to protect life and property following the 2002 Williams Fire and to comply with permit requirements for future projects that were set to collect information on fish and wildlife resources and implement measures to protect them.

The San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan was established to identify and implement routine maintenance regimes for the three reservoirs in San Gabriel Canyon. The Board certified the Sediment Management Plan's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in 1998. The Sediment Management Plan and its EIR were supplemented in 2003 to include the San Gabriel Reservoir Emergency Post-Fire Sediment Removal Project that was undertaken in the wake of the 2002 Williams Fire. Monitoring is required until 2011 to comply with the Federal and State agency permit requirements that continue for the post-fire sediment removal project and the requirements to prepare for future routine cleanouts in Cogswell, San Gabriel, and Morris Reservoirs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding the award of this consultant services agreement. Thank you.

Chris